Honking Geese Arouse Romans On Anniversary

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ROME, April 22 (AP)—A dozen geeze honked noisily i Campidoglio square on Rome's 2719th birthday yesterday, just as legend says they did to save the city in 390 B.C.

This time the authorities were not pleased about it. Police arrested one of several youths who turned the geese loose with signs reading "wake up, Romans" around their necks.

The stunt smacked of political porpaganda for the June municipal elections. The Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) has been using "Romani Sveglia"—"Wake up Romans"—as a slogan.

Legend has it that honking geese awoke the sleeping guards and saved the Campidoglio from a night attack by the Gauls in 390 B.C.